MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property Name: Inventory Number 261-8034-86:82 A - 66
Address: M400 block of Crain Highway, SE, Prince George's County - in the vicinity of Brandywin
Owner: Cooksey, Rodger W. & Cheryl L.
Tax Parcel Number: 125 Tax Map Number: 136
Project MD 301 Agency State Highway Administration (SHA)
Site visit by SHA Staff: X no _ yes Name: Date:
Eligibility recommended Eligibility not recommendedX
CriteriaABCD Considerations:ABCDEFG <u>X</u> None
Is property located within a historic district? X no _ yes Name of District:
Is district listed?: X no _ yes
Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Project Review and Compliance Files
Description of Property and Eligibility Determination (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)
The c. 1930 house appears to have been significantly altered with a number of additions onto the original house. The one-story house appears to have been a simple side-gabled vernacular house with an open porch at the main elevation. A front porch room with a front gable was added at the main elevation. An one-story addition with a half-hipped roof that was extended to include a third addition was constructed at the side elevation. The house has been stuccoed except for the third addition which has been sided with aluminum or vinyl siding. Although Prince George's County experienced an increase in population during the early years of the 20th century, the growth was focused primarily on the northern section of the county. The communities around the streetcar lines and the eventual introduction of the automobiles, led an increase in suburban development in the sections of the county that could be easily reached from the nation's capital. The suburbs remained dependent on the city for jobs and services, and this is reflected in the early development within the project area. Most of southern Prince George's County remained rural around the turn of the century.
Prepared by EHT Traceries, Inc.
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW Eligibility recommended _
OP/1 10/21/98
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

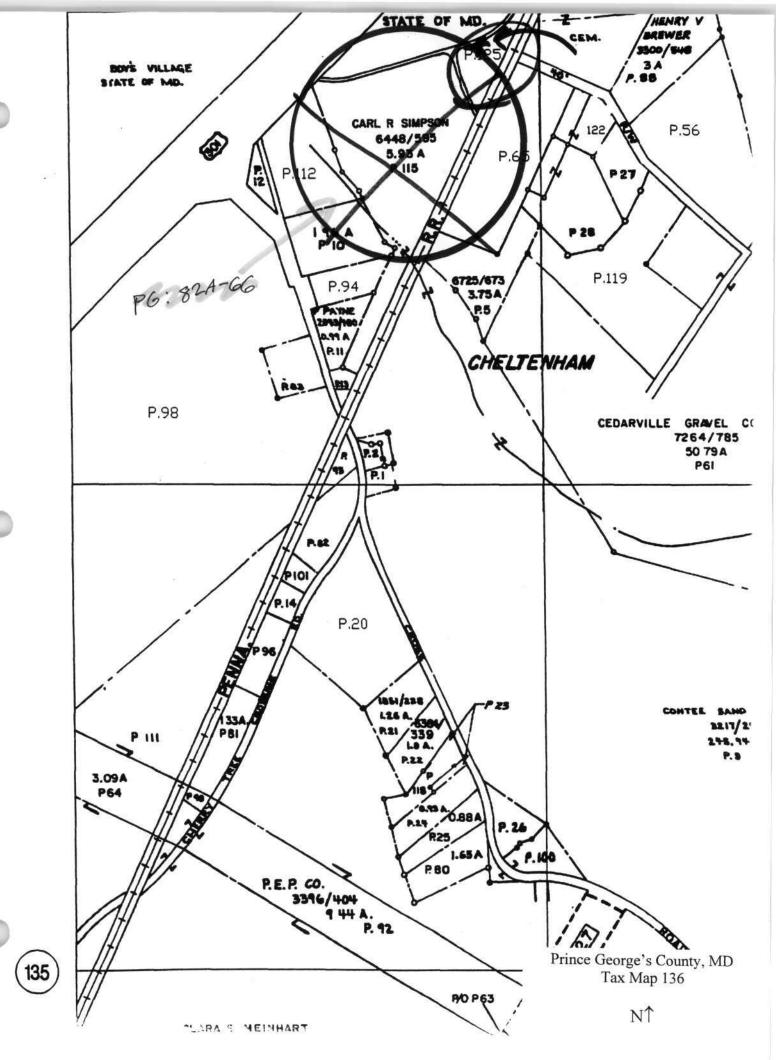
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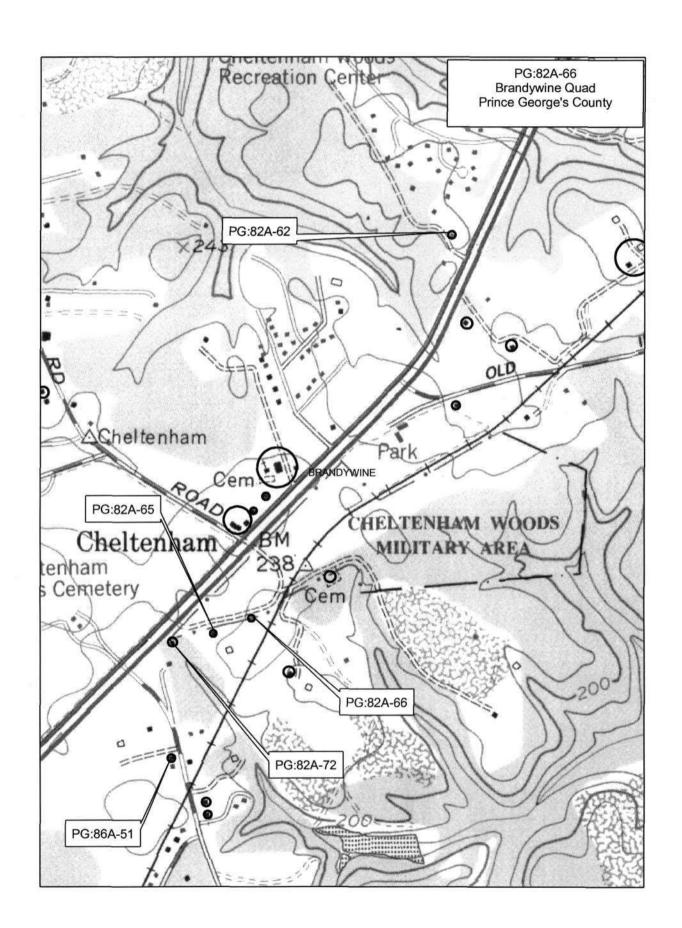
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The States Road Commission began construction of the Robert Crain Highway (later US 301) in 1922. Crain Highway was designed to link southern Maryland's rural areas to northern Maryland's urban areas. With the introduction of a better road system, limited development was allowed to flourish along the corridors and within the rural areas of southern Maryland. When the Nice Memorial Bridge was completed in 1940 and linked the Virginia side of the Potomac to the Maryland side in Charles County, Crain Highway served as a bypass between Florida and New York. Crain Highway was widened in 1950 to handle the increase in traffic.

The c. 1930 house is not eligible for the National Register. The resource lacks significance related to events, persons, or architecture. Criterion D, information potential, was not assessed for this study.







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